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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-5, 8, 11-14, and 18, drawn to a method of treating arthritis, for continued prosecution.

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